

Physicochemical and Biological Data for the Development of Predictive Organophosphorus Pesticide QSARs and PBPK/PD Models for Human Risk Assessment

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Introduction

During the last ten years there has been a great deal of interest among scientists in building and inter-relating QSAR and PBPK/PD models for predicting risk from human exposures to toxic chemicals based on animal toxicological studies (Wilson et al., 1995). This interest recently resulted in the development of an organophosphorus pesticide exposure and risk PBPK/PD model within the Exposure Related Dose Estimating Modeling (ERDEM) platform (Blancato et al., 2000). The successful use of the model encouraged us to explore the literature for additional laboratory animal and human PBPK data to apply to assessments of aggregate exposure and cumulative risk. Central to the interpretive value of PBPK/PD models is the development and use of predictive QSAR (quantitative structure/activity relationships) models to obtain the parameters needed in PBPK models (Wilson et al., 1995). This review provides information on QSAR modeling, reports the findings of a literature search for physicochemical and biological data on new organophosphorus pesticides, and evaluates the quality of the published biological data for building predictive QSAR and PBPK/PD models.

OPs of Interest

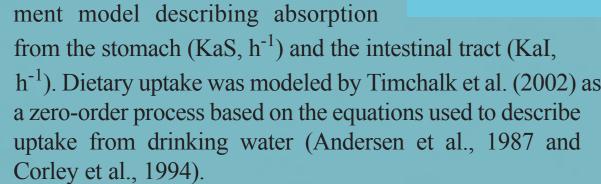
Thirty-one OP pesticides of interest (Table 1) were selected on the basis of the presence of aromatic or heterocyclic rings and not according to regulatory relevance. The OP pesticides are limited to three classes based on the alkylphosphorus moiety and leaving group (Kagagi et al., 1995).

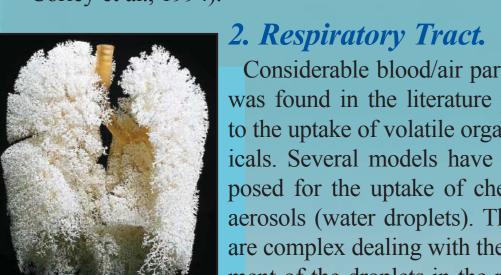
Table 1

	Class 1	l Aryl			R ₁ 0) p —	$x_2 \longrightarrow \begin{cases} b \\ f \end{cases}$	c^d	
Common Name	R1	R2	X1	X2	b	С	d	е	f
bromophos	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Cl	Н	Br	CI	Н
chlorthion	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Н	CI	NO2	Н	Н
cyanophos	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Н	Н	CN	Н	Н
dicapthon	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Cl	Н	NO2	Н	Н
fenchlorphos	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Cl	Н	CI	CI	Н
fenitrothion	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Н	Н	NO2	CH3	Н
fenthion	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Н	Н	SCH3	CH3	Н
iodofenphos	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Cl	Н	I	CI	Н
parathion-methyl	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Н	Н	NO2	Н	Н
bromophos-ethyl	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	Cl	Н	Br	CI	Н
chlorthiophos	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	CI	Н	SCH3	Н	CI
dichlofenthion	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	CI	Н	CI	Н	Н
fensulfothion	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	Н	Н	S=OCH3	Н	Н
parathion-ethyl	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	Н	Н	NO2	Н	Н
fenamiphos	NHisoPropyl	O-Ethyl	0	0	Н	Н	SCH3	Н	Н
isofenphos	NHisoPropyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	CO-OC3H7	Н	Н	Н	Н
prothiofos	Sn-Propyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	CI	Н	CI	Н	Н
sulprofos	Sn-Propyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	Н	Н	SCH3	Н	Н
trichloronat	Ethyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	Cl	Н	CI	CI	Н
	Class 2 C				R ₁ O R ₂ O	\ p	$x_2 \longrightarrow \begin{cases} b \\ f \end{cases}$	o d	
phenthoate	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	SCH-OCOEt	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
phenkapton	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	SCH2S	CI	Н	Н	CI	Н
phoxim	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	ON=C-CN	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
tetrachlorvinphos	OMethyl	O-Methyl	0	OC=CCIH	CI	Н	CI	CI	Н
chlorfenvinfos	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	0	OC=CCIH	Н	Н	CI	Н	CI
carbophenothion	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	SCH2S	Н	Н	CI	Н	Н
fonofos	Ethyl	O-Ethyl	S	S	Н	Н	Н	Н	Н
temephos	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	Н	Н	S-Aryl	Н	Н
Class 3 Heterocyclic				$R_1O \searrow \prod_{p}^{x_1}$ $R_2O \swarrow$	x ₂	f	erocyclic	c d e	
etrimfos	OMethyl	O-Methyl	S	0	H	OC2H5	=N=	C2H5	=N=
chlorpyrifos	OEthyl	O-Ethyl	S	0	Cl	Н	CI	CI	=N=

A. Absorption

Gastrointestinal Tract. First order rate constants for the absorption (h⁻¹) of pesticides from the gastrointestinal tract are usually estimated from gavage data using a pharmacokinetic model. Timchalk et al. (2002) modeled the oral absorption (gavage) of chlorpyrifos using a two-compart-

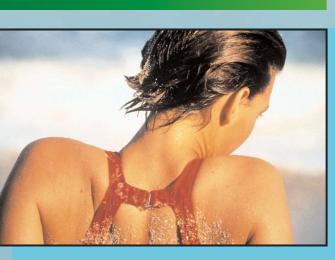




Considerable blood/air partition data was found in the literature pertaining to the uptake of volatile organic chemicals. Several models have been proposed for the uptake of chemicals in aerosols (water droplets). The models are complex dealing with the impingement of the droplets in the respiratory tract with small droplets being deposit-

ed deeper in the lung. The models have not been generally applied to pesticides. The low volatility of OP pesticides was considered to be the primary limiting factor for obtaining relevant partition coefficient data.

3. Skin. Partition coefficients are used in PBPK/PD models to indicate the transfer of materials (distribution) between skin and blood. Jepson et al. (1992, 1994) developed data on the partitioning of parathion and paraoxon between



skin and blood using Millipore Low Binding cellulose filters (molecular weight cutoff of 10,000) to separate parathion in solution from parathion bound to skin. Human autopsy skin was used by Menczel et al. (1983) to determine partition coefficients for malathion between epidermis-rich (2.72), dermis tissues (2.74) and inner skin (1.70) with aqueous buffer. Skin binding decreased 2-fold when dialyzed against simulated plasma. Reifenrath et al. (1991) studied the effect of varying partition coefficients (paraoxon and parathion) on percutaneous penetration and the extent of dermal retention in pigskin, <u>in-vivo</u> and <u>in-vitro</u>. Airflow over the skin surface significantly increased evaporative losses for parathion, while increasing the applied dose of parathion and paraoxon from 4 to 1000 µg/cm², resulted in a lower percentage in the dermis. The more water-soluble paraoxon penetrated the dermis better than the hydrophobic

The absorption, metabolic, tissue partitioning, enzyme inhibition, and recovery parameters required for PBPK/PD models are given in Table 2.

ble 2. Biological parameters required for OP Pesticide PRPK/PD Models a/

Table 2

Absorption/Distribution:	Metabolic rate constants, V _{max} ,	Biological Response
Gastrointestinal Tract, in hr ⁻¹	K _m	
Respiratory Tract: Blood/air Blood/saline	P-450 reactions Hydrolases	LD ₅₀ , oral, dermal IC ₅₀ , inhibition of 'B' esterases
Skin: Skin/Blood Skin/vehicle Skin/air Skin Permeability Constants, K _p , cm/hr K _{p-vapor/sc}	Transferases V _{max} , in μmol/h/kg of Body weight	Rate constants: inhibition, aging and spontaneous reactivation and synthesis of 'B' esterases.
$ \begin{array}{c} K_{p\text{-liquid/sc}} \\ K_{p\text{-neat/sc}} \\ K_{p\text{-neat/sc}} \\ K_{p\text{-water/sc}} \end{array} $	K _m , in μM	
Tissues: Tissue/air Tissue/blood Tissue/saline		

4. Skin permeability. Permeability rate constants, such as the permeation coefficient K_p (cm/h), are preferred parameters for use in PBPK/PD models over fractional or percent absorption values. K_p (cm/h) can be determined from the measurement of flux according to following rate equation:

 $Flux = Dk_mC/l = K_nC$

Where C is the concentration gradient of the chemical in skin (g/cm^3) , 1 is the thickness of the path length (cm), k_m is the partition coefficient of the chemical in skin (unitless), D is the diffusion coefficient (cm 2 /h), and K_p is the permeability constant (cm/h) (Mattie et al. 1994). Dividing the absorbed dose by the applied dose and multiplying by 100 determine fractional or percent absorption. Despite the large number of percutaneous absorption studies conducted with OP pesticides, very little information is available on their maximum rate of penetration (Jflux, ug/cm²/h) or permeability (K_p, cm/h). Provisional estimates of K_p have been obtained by QSAR (Dary et al., 1998) as adapted from the equation of Potts and Guy (1992):

 $Log K_n (cm/hr) = -2.72 + 0.71 Log P_{(oct/w)} - 0.0061 MW$

 $\mathbf{n} = 89, \, \mathbf{r} = 0.817, \, \mathbf{r}^2 = 0.667, \, \mathbf{s} = 0.748$

B. Tissue Distribution

Tissue: Blood partition coefficients are needed in PBPK/PD models to mathematically describe the distribution of parent compounds and their metabolites in body fluids and tissues (Knaak et al., 1995). In most cases, parent OP compounds and metabolites are nonvolatile chemicals, lipophilic or hydrophilic in character that readily distribute between blood and body tissues before they are eliminated in urine, respiratory air, or via the gastrointestinal tract.

One method for obtaining partition coefficients involves the use of ultrafilters to separate phases (i.e., saline and tissue) after the chemical has been distributed (Jepson et al., 1994; Sultatos et al., 1990; Murphy et al., 1995). This procedure was applied to only parathion.

C. Metabolic Pathway

Data are required to construct a PBPK model describing the fate of pesticides. OP pesticides undergo oxidative desulfuration, N-dealkylation, O-dealkylation, O-dearylation, thioether oxidation, side group oxidation, and hydrolysis. Watersoluble hydrolytic products such as the alkyl phosphates are eliminated directly, while leaving groups with limited solubility are conjugated with glucuronic or sulfuric acids prior to elimination (Nigg and Knaak, 2000). Maximum reaction velocity (V_{max}) and half-maximal (K_m) rate constants for the desulfuration of parathion to paraoxon, chlorpyrifos to chlorpyrifos-oxon, isofenphos to isofenphos oxon, and azinphosmethyl to azinphosmethyl oxon by rat or mouse liver P-450 isozymes are limited to the few OPs shown in Tables 3 and 4.

Table 3

Enzymes	Source ^{a/}	V _{max} , μmol/h/kg	K _m , μM	V _{max} /K _m ratio	Reference(s)
9000 g supernatant	Rat Liver	of bw ^{b/} 135.9	10.2	13.3	Wallace and Dargan, 1987
P450 mix	Rat Liver	95.2	0.35	272.0	Ma and Chambers, 1994
P450 mix	Rat Liver	61.4 ^{c/}	17.9	3.4	Norman et al., 1974
P450 mix/age related	Rat Liver	53.5 ^{d/}	23.8	2.20	Atterberry et al., 1997
P450 mix	Rat Liver	301.9 ^{c/}	9 .0	33.5	Murray and Butler, 1994
	Mean	129.6	12.3	10.5	

Table 4

Spectral content, 0.8 nmol of P-450/mg of microsomal protein. Spectral content, 0.4 nmol of P -450/mg of microsomal protein.

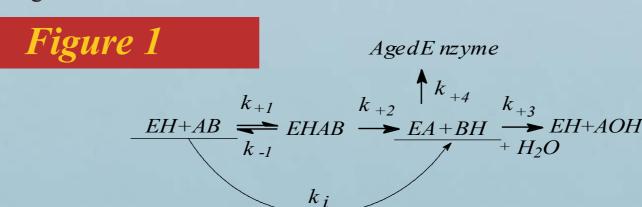
Enzymes	Source ^{a/}	V _{max} , μmol/h/kg of bw ^{b/}	K _m μM	V _{max} /K _m ratio	Reference(s)
Chlorpyrifos					
P-450 mix	Rat Liver	12.5	1.11	11.3	Ma and Chambers, 1994
P-450 mix	Rat Liver	94.0	6.1	15.4	Tang et al., 2001
P-450 mix	Rat Liver	80 ^{c/}	2.86 ^{c/}	28 ^{c/}	Timchalk et al., 2002
Isofenphos					
P450 mix	Rat Liver	71.6	14.1	5.1	Knaak et al., 1993
Azinphosmethyl					
P450 mix	Mouse Liver	182.2	37.5	4.9	Sultatos and Minor, 1987

The number and/or the quality of the values given in the Tables are insufficient to generate a QSAR equation for predicting V_{max} , K_m values for the 31 OPs of interest using the rat or mouse data. Reproducible values (i.e., V_{max}, K_m) for the P-450 catalyzed oxidative hydrolysis of the OPs and the hydrolysis of their toxic oxons by 'A-esterases' were not found in the literature for building QSAR equations for the 31 OPs.

No V_{max}, K_m values were found for children of varying ages, however, the development of functional P-450 activity is viewed as being limited in newborns, but increasing in the first year of life to levels in toddlers and older children that generally exceed adult capacity (Cresteil, 1998).

D. Response

Bimolecular rate constants, k_i (pM⁻¹ h⁻¹) are used to describe inhibition of the B-esterases (acetylcholin-, butyrylcholin- and carboxyl-) by the toxic oxons formed during their metabolism. The rate constants are derived from the reaction of OPs (AB) with 'B'-esterases (EH) to form Michaelis-Menten complexes (EHAB), phosphorylated enzymes (EA) and leaving groups (BH) as shown in Figure 1.



The bimolecular reaction, k_i, is the overall reaction involving the formation of the Michaelis-Menten complex (EHAB) and the phosphorylated enzyme (EA), where K_a, K_d, K_A, k_{+2} and k_i are related as follows:

$$K_{a} = \frac{k_{-1}}{k_{1}} = K_{d} = \frac{1}{K_{A}}$$

$$\frac{k_{+2}}{K_{d}} = K_{A} * k_{+2} = k_{i}$$

Bimolecular rate constants on the 31 OPs of interest were found in the literature for only a few of the OPs. Reactivation, synthesis, and aging of B-esterases rates are used in blood, liver and brain to account for the depletion and replacement. Rate constants for aging $(k_a \text{ or } k_{+4})$ and reactivation (k_s or k_{+3}) of the phosphorylated enzyme are shown in Table 5.

Table 5

D (: : 1	Aging	Aging	Reactivation				
Pesticide groups	$k_a (h^{-1}) \times 10^2$	$t_{1/2}(h)$	$k_s (h^{-1}) \times 10^2$				
Room Temperature							
di-methoxy	2.9 ^{a/}	23.6	1.10 ^{a/}				
di-ethoxy	$1.8^{a/}$	38.9	NC				
methoxy, phenyl	$1.9^{a/}$	37.4	$0.61^{a/}$				
Ethoxy, ethyl	$0.26^{a/}$	266.5	NC-				
Ethoxy, thiopropyl	$7.1^{a/}$	9.8	$0.66^{a/}$				
Body Temperature							
di-methoxy	12.5 ^{b/}	5.5	3.21 ^{b/}				
di-ethoxy	5.5 ^{b/}	12.6	NC				
Ethoxy, thiopropyl	15.45 ^{b/}	4.5	1.48 ^{b/}				
Source: Mason, 1993. di-methoxy (naled, 300-76-5); di-ethoxy (triazophos, 24017-47-8) methoxy, phenyl (leptophos oxon, 25006-32-0); ethoxy, ethyl (fonofos, 944-22-9) ethoxy, thio propyl (prothiofoxon, 38527-91-2) a ¹ 22°C b ¹ 37°C							

IV. Examples of Predictive OP QSAR **Equations**

A. Metabolic constants, V_{max} and K_m values: Table 6 gives the combined V_{max}, K_m data of the corresponding dialkyl p-nitrophenyl phosphates from a series of dialkyl p-nitrophenyl phosphorothioates and the formation of the corresponding phenyl substituted diethylphosphates from phenyl-substituted diethylphosphorothioates by rabbit liver microsomes.

QSARISTM

(SCIVISION,

Academic Press) was

used to obtain the

V_{max} and K_m equa-

tions involving three

descriptors [(Volume,

xp10 and SdO) and

(ABSQ, SsCH3 and

SsF)]. The V_{max} , K_{m}

training sets were well

described by the

regression equations

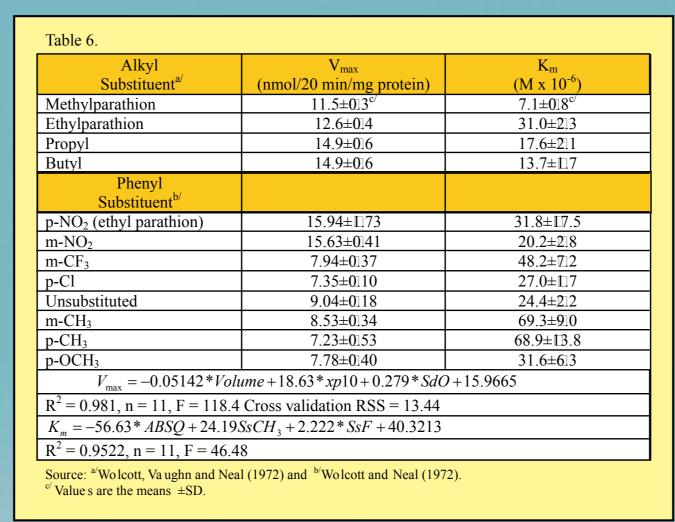
and are statistically

significant. Cross-vali-

dation showed that the

constructed V_{max}

Table 6



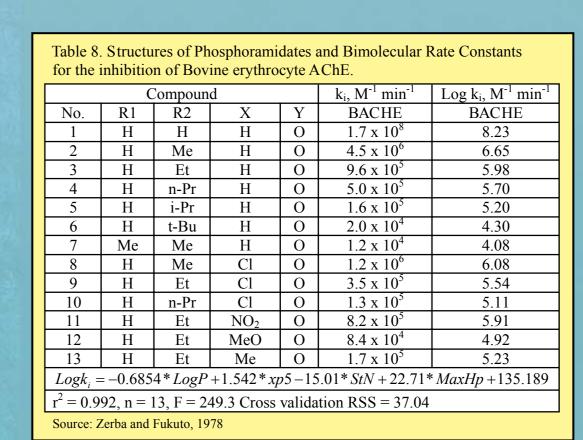
model (P=S to P=O) might be used to predict the value of V_{max} outside the 'training set.' However, cross-validation was not possible with the K_m model, and therefore predicting values of K_m may be problematic. Table 7 gives the predicted rabbit liver V_{max} values (P=S to P=O) for OPs of interest with the value for parathion at the top and chlorpyrifos at the bottom. The value for Isofenphos appeared somewhat in the middle of Table 7.

Table 7

Table 7. Predicted Rabbit V_{max} values (nmol/20 min/mg of protein and umol/hr/kg of bw) using **QSAR** equation in Table 6 descriptors in QSARISTM

name	Volume	SdO	xp10	/mg of protein	/kg of bw
ethylparathion	211.733	21.0083	0.195008	14.575	433
tenephos	294.352	0	0.716016	14.1729	421
dicapthion	183.635	21.0102	0.034021	13.0205	387
methylparathion	178.362	20.8231	0	12.6055	374
fenitrothion	191.229	21.2647	0	12.0671	358
chlorthion	197.262	21.0958	0	11.7098	348
fensulfothion	235.271	11.2542	0.195008	10.6429	316
isofenphos	288.228	12.1567	0.270991	9.58757	285
phenthioate	224.379	12.0706	0.092946	9.52866	283
carbophenothion	227.871	0	0.203647	8.54719	254
thionazin	188.007	0	0.072169	7.64393	227
fonofos	184.06	0	0.030084	7.17452	213
diazinon	231.618	0	0.141059	6.68511	199
phenkapton	271.372	0	0.249608	6.66367	198
cyanophos	184.064	0	0	6.50191	193
sulprofos	253.965	0	0.180351	6.26822	186
phoxim	250.936	0	0.171722	6.26316	186
prothiofos	240.098	0	0.129726	6.03791	179
etrimfos	229.16	0	0.099436	6.03048	179
trichloronat	214.197	0	0.057241	6.01909	179
fenchlorphos	204.906	0	0.027778	5.94782	177
chlorthiophos	252.149	0	0.154745	5.88442	175
dichlorfenthion	228.139	0	0.072169	5.58036	166
methylbromophos	214.213	0	0.027778	5.46925	162
fenthion	204.61	0	0	5.44544	162
iodofenphos	223.435	0	0.027778	4.995	148
ethylbromophos	246.255	0	0.086703	4.91965	146
chlorpyrifos	252.293	0	0.086703	4.60917	137

Table 8



B. Inhibition rate constant, ki : Zerba and Fukuto (1978) examined the effects of a series of ethyl a-cyanobenzaldoxime N,Ndialkyl phosphoramidates on bovine erythrocyte acetylcholinesterase (BAChE). The basic structure of these phosphoramidates is given below, with their substituent groups (R₁, R₂, Y and X) and k_i (M⁻¹ min⁻¹) values in Table 8.

$$CH_3CH_2O \downarrow | CN \\ P-O-N=C - N$$

Using QSARISTM, the training set is very well described by the regression equation and is statistically significant. However, cross-validation showed the constructed model is unstable and therefore the predicted values of log k_i should be used with caution. Progressive increases in the size of the amido alkyl substituent resulted in a decrease in anticholinesterase activity.

Conclusions and Recommendations

- 1. The predictive value of QSAR equations for supporting the development of OP PBPK/PD models is highly dependent on
- 2. Our QSAR and PBPK/PD modeling tests indicate that the quality of the existing data needs to be improved through the development of standardized protocols.
- 3. This review supports studies to obtain:
 - Skin permeation constants (K_p, cm/h) for pesticides coming in contact with skin.
 - Water/skin partition coefficient data for pesticides in water that come in contact with skin.
 - Tissue/blood partition coefficients for parent pesticides and their metabolites.
 - Metabolic parameters (i.e., V_{max} and K_m) for parent pesticides and their metabolites.

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